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WEST VIRGINIA 2003 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

WEST VIRGINIA -- **Corn** plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 45,000 acres, down 10% or 5,000 acres from 2002 and 2001.

Winter wheat seedings are estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from 2002 or 2001.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 16,000 acres this year, down 11% or 2,000 acres from 2002 and down 1,000 acres from 2001.

Burley tobacco growers intend to harvest 1,300 acres, unchanged from both 2002 and 2001.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 570,000 acres, the same as 2002, but down 2% or 10,000 acres from 2001.

UNITED STATES WITH 2002 COMPARISONS

-- Corn plantings - 79.0 million acres, virtually unchanged.
    Biotech Corn seed as a percent of intended corn plantings:
        Bt variety - 26% of 2003 crop, 22% of 2002 crop;
        Herbicide Resistant variety - 9% of 2003 crop, 9% of 2002 crop;
        Stacked Gene variety - 3% of 2003 crop, 2% of 2002 crop.
-- Oat plantings - 4.83 million acres, down 4%.
-- Oats for grain harvest - 2.20 million acres, up 5%.
-- Winter wheat seeded - 44.3 million acres, up 6% from 2002.
-- All tobacco for harvest - 417,510 acres, down 3%, lowest since 1874.
-- Burley tobacco for harvest - 151,100 acres, down 5%.
-- Soybean plantings - 73.2 million acres, down 1%.
    Biotech Soybean seed as a percent of intended soybean plantings:
        Herbicide Resistant variety - 80% of 2003 crop, 75% of 2002 crop.
-- Sorghum plantings - 9.45 million acres, down 1%.
-- Barley plantings - 5.38 million acres, up 6%.
-- All hay for harvest - 63.6 million acres, down 1%.

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